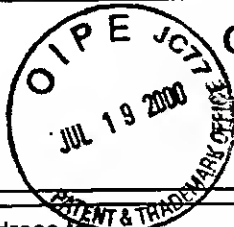


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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

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Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	Attorney Docket No.	684.2728
	First Named Inventor	TOMOHARU HASE
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	Group Art Unit	2851

This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/145,982, filed on September 3, 1998, entitled **EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD INCLUDING GAS PURGING OF A SPACE CONTAINING OPTICAL COMPONENTS.**

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on June 19, 2000, under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. a. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
b. ☐ The Applicant intends to file additional papers in this case. Should the Examiner take this case up for action before receiving such papers, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact their undersigned representative.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

b. ☐ The inventors to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☒ Further to the Notice of Appeal and Petition for a three-month extension of time timely filed on April 19, 2000, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 20, 1999, for an additional month from June 19, 2000 to July 19, 2000. A check for \$110.00 to cover this fee is attached.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
a. ☐ PTO-1449 Form
b. ☐ Copy of IDS Citation

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))	17 - 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))	8 - 3 =	5	X \$ 78.00 =	\$ 390.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			\$260.00 =	\$ --
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 690.00
			Total of above Calculations = \$1080.00		
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
	TOTAL =				\$1080.00

6. Small entity status

- a. ☐ A Small entity statement is enclosed
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1080.00 is enclosed.

8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1205:

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

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